## Ammonium Sulphate

- 1. In the 12 months preceding 'mount 1251, some 30,000 metric tons of Imssian armonium sulphate were sold abroad through the efforts of the Soviet Traje Delegation in Bern. It was learned in the surrer of 1951, however, that a Zürich firm had resold a large consignment of this product to Spain. Since Spain is on the Soviet blacklist as far as the sale of Russian products is concerned, an order was issued to the offect that this Zerich firm would no longer be permitted to purchase Soviet goods of any description. Furthermore, the Soviet Trade Delegation in Bern was enjoined from ever selling any quantities of amonium sulphate in the future. It is reported that the official responsible for making the sale to the Zürich firm, Ivan Ryjov, will be recalled to the USSR.
- 2. Since the above-described upset occurred, the Mirich firm of Cxyda A.G. (which was not the firm guilty of reselling to Spain) managed in July or August 1951 to purchase some 6,000 matric tons of Bursian armonium sulphate. This quantity was obtained as a result of direct negotiations with Raznoimport in Moscow. It is noteworthy that the normal agency for such natters, Soyuspromemport, did not figure in the transaction.

## Butanol, Butylacetate, 'cetone

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3. It was learned at the offices of the Soviet Trade Delegation in Dern on 22 August 1951 that there were available for sale at that time some 150 metric tons each of butanol, butylacetate, and acetone. The butanol sold at 1600 per ton, the butylacetate at 2,200 Swiss France per ton, and the acetone at 2300 per ton. These prices applied to deliveries in tank care at the Ezecho-Soviet frontier. Since there is a great shortage of metal from in the USGR, this ic the only method of followry the Trude Delegation was willing to promise. Furthermore, the Delegation was unable to quote prices of delivery f.o.b. a Baltic port.

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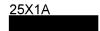
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### Asbestos

4. On 22 August the Trade Delegation in Bern was offering Mark J-5 asbestos at \$155 per ton. No Mark G-3 asbestos was available for sale.

#### Paraffin

5. The Trade Delegation was offering 100 metric tons of paraffin on 22 August at 3205 per ton, including packing, c.i.f. Antwerp.

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